



An Extraordinary Account

Shaykh Ḥamūd b. ‘Abdillāh at-Tuwayjirī {رحمه الله} said:

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Among the reports is what our Shaykh ‘Abd Ar-Raḥmān b. Fāris b. ‘Abd al-‘Azīz al-Fāris, one of the inhabitants of the city of Riyāḍ, informed us. He said: A great flood occurred in Wādī Ḥanīfah in the year 1359H and it swept away the area adjacent to the graves of the Ṣaḥābah (Companions) who were killed on the Day of al-Yamāmah in the year 11H. A rupture occurred in one of the graves on the side facing the valley, and the body of the deceased in that grave became visible.

Shaykh ‘Abd ar-Raḥmān said: News of this reached me while I was in the area of al-Jubaylah, so I came quickly. The grave was elevated on the side of the valley, reachable only by means of a ladder. I brought some wooden planks, propped them against the grave, and climbed up. I saw the deceased in his grave, unchanged in any respect, as though he were asleep. He had been shrouded in a white *Shimlah* (simple burial wrap) and the *Shimlah* was tied upon him with *Khawṣ* (palm fiber rope). His face, eyes, teeth, and feet were uncovered, and a braid of his hair, about a cubit in length, had emerged from the grave and was hanging down.

He said: I lifted it, tucked it back into the shroud, and placed my hand upon the side of his face, and it felt as if I were touching the face of a sleeping man. His face was white with a slight inclination to brown; the visible hair of his beard was *Ashmaṭ* (mixed black and white). His eyes were slightly open. The palm fiber rope with which the *Shimlah* had been tied had remained green in color, though dry. When the people of al-Jubaylah and the surrounding area learned of it, they began to come, look at him, and view the body.

The Imām of the people of al-Jubaylah and the head of the Committee for Enjoining Right and Forbidding Wrong went to Shaykh Moḥammad b. Ibrāhīm Āl ash-Shaykh and informed him. He commanded them to take with them men and a bier on which they could carry the deceased, and he ordered them to dig for him, at night, a grave in the middle of the cemetery, to bury him, and to conceal the location so that people would not be put to trial by it. They did so.

Shaykh Ḥamūd said: There is no doubt that this deceased was among the *Shuhadā'* (martyrs) who were killed in the battle that took place between the *Ṣaḥābah* and the followers of Musaylimah al-Kadhdhāb. It is possible that he was one of the *Ṣaḥābah*, for it is well known among the people that the graves in that location are graves of the Companions. It is also possible that he was one of those who fought alongside the Companions, though not one of them. The first possibility is more likely, and Allāh knows best.

Between the Battle of al-Yamāmah and the appearance of this body there were 1,348 years. Despite this immensely long period, the *Shahīd* (martyr) remained exactly as he was, without anything of him changing, nor his shroud, nor the palm fiber rope with which it had been tied. In this lies a lesson for those endowed with sound intellects.

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